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Dramatic day in court

New victims in county's high DUI death toll

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EUREKA – Humboldt's ruinous alcohol and drug culture has obliterated the life of Arcata musician Alan Gradwohl and despoiled the future of Humboldt State undergraduate Robert William Bergeson III, who killed Gradwohl in a crosswalk last September in a drunken driving stupor.
Bergeson, 24, will spend a year in county jail, serve four years of supervised probation and contribute 100 hours of community service under a sentence ordered last week by Superior Court Judge John T. Feeney. It



Robert William Bergeson III

drew powerful objections from Gradwohl's loved ones and desolate protests from the student's mother.
Both men are highly predictable statistics in the county's alcohol and drug misadventure. In recent years, Humboldt's rate of fatal vehicle/pedestrian collisions has been among the highest in the nation.
The atmosphere in the courtroom during Bergeson's sentencing morphed from quiet and solemn to grim and mournful to agonized and sob-strewn.
The first pre-sentencing ap-

DUI ❖ A4



STUFFED BY HUFF Arcata High School's gymnasium was packed to capacity – maybe beyond – for the appearance by Rep. Jared Huffman last Thursday night.

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Congressman eyes immigration pushback

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ARCATA – Moving to assuage North Coast deportation fears, U.S. Representative Jared Huffman (D-2nd District) is pressing for rumor control, collaboration with local law enforcement and bipartisan moves in Congress to protect Dreamers (immigrant minors) from the Trump administration's immigration crackdown.
Sorting out false alarms from the facts is essential because so many rumors are swirling around about immigration raids and sweeps, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents supposedly swooping in on schools and hospitals,

Huffman told a packed town hall here last week.
"I'm hearing this a lot from the immigrant community," Huffman reported. So far, however, his office has documented no such raids or sweeps.
He encouraged his constituents to contact his office when a rumor circulates, to verify its accuracy. "My office will call ICE and establish the facts," he said.
Huffman reassured the hundreds in the cavernous Arcata High School gym that nothing in federal law requires local police to become immigration agents "or cooperate with immigration authorities in any way."

HUFFMAN ❖ A2

Arcata leaflets urge solidarity

Paul Mann
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ARCATA – Cafes and eateries are displaying handbills in their storefront windows, proclaiming solidarity in response to the immigration and transgender policies enunciated by the Trump administration.
The 5 inch by 8 inch green manifesto is printed with bold black and white letters and it de-

clares, "We Stand Here with You; You are Safe Here."
At the top, it begins, "We Welcome" and lists a series of social classifications: All Ages, Races, Religions, Ethnicities, Spoken Languages, Gender Identities, Sexual Orientations, Countries of Origin, Abilities and Disabilities.
"Everyone" is welcome, the leaflet affirms.
Copies are free for the asking

at the front counter at Northtown Organic Coffee House and Café at 1603 G St., the proprietor said.
Japhy's Soup and Noodles restaurant is displaying the handbill prominently in the window next to the front door.
The handbills' appearance is a rebuff to the widespread apprehensions stirred by the White House, voiced repeatedly last

SOLIDARITY ❖ A2

❖ GRASSROOTS CRIMEFIGHTING

Public Safety Task Force comes to grips with daunting mission

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ARCATA – The enormity of the Public Safety Task Force's mission became even clearer at 8 p.m. last Wednesday night. That was when its second meeting was scheduled to end, but the task force wasn't even halfway through the evening's agenda.
The task force is charged with evaluating Arcata's crime

situation, forging community partnerships to deal with it and ultimately, restoring a sense of personal safety to the streets and neighborhoods.
But the time-consuming devil is in the details, and there are a lot of them.
The Council Chamber gallery was full at the meeting's start, with students there to support Arcata's possible Sanctuary City status for Arcata, emphasizing its potential role in enhancing public safety.

TASK FORCE ❖ A3



TASKED The Public Safety Task Force hears several speakers ask that it consider and endorse Sanctuary City status for Arcata, emphasizing its potential role in enhancing public safety.

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Mack Town committee resolves agenda conflict

Jack Durham
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McKINLEYVILLE — McKinleyville’s advisory committee held a virtual sausage making party last week as it hammered out a new policy on how to get items on its meeting agendas.

The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee was finding a solution to a problem it had last year, when a committee member tried to get an item on an agenda, but was thwarted by committee chair Ben Shepherd.

As the chair, Shepherd sets the agendas. Last October, committee member Craig Tucker requested that an item to be placed on the agenda allowing the committee to take a position on Measure V, the rent control

ordinance approved by voters in November.

Shepherd, however, refused the request, saying that the item was outside the committee’s purview.

Shepherd said he was supportive of having a policy in place to resolve future conflicts and suggested copying the one used by the Board of Supervisors.

If the chair of the Board of Supervisors refuses to put an item on an agenda, two supervisors can ask that the item be considered.

The supervisors then hold a meeting during which they can decide whether the item is agenda-worthy or not. If a majority of supervisors vote in favor of the item, then it is placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

For the supervisors, who meet almost every week, the process can delay consideration of an item for a week or two.

But the McKinleyville committee only meets once a month, so such a process could delay consideration of an agenda item for at least for a month or two.

Committee member Kevin Jenkins suggested a much simpler policy — if two committee members request that an item be placed on an agenda, it will be placed on an agenda.

A motion was made, and the committee voted unanimously in favor of the policy.

“It seems way too simple,” observed Greg Orsini about the new policy.

❖ UNDER SAMOA BRIDGE

Body recovered from bay

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SAMOA — The body of 28-year-old Richelle Brianne Anaya was pulled from Humboldt Bay early Sunday morning, Feb. 19.

At 4:10 a.m. Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies along with Eureka Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Humboldt Bay Fire and U.S. Coast Guard personnel responded to the third span of the Samoa Bridge for a possible search and rescue. At about 7:45 a.m., the U.S. Coast Guard located a body near the third span of the bridge in the water.

Anaya was a resident of Samoa. This case is under investigation by the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office and an autopsy has been scheduled to determine the cause of death.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff’s Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff’s Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff’s Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

Smoking | McKinleyville pushes for smoking ordinance

❖ FROM A1

“It’s my understanding that enforcement of a smoking policy is not a top priority [for law enforcement],” Jay McCubbrey, project director for Tobacco Free Humboldt, told the committee.

The smoking laws are, for the most part, self enforced by smokers themselves, who may refrain from smoking in areas where puffing is prohibited, he said.

Before the Feb. 22 meeting, the issue of a smoking ordinance was passionately debated on the McKinleyville Community Watch Facebook page. Page moderator Scott Binder informed the committee that much of the public comment was in opposition to creating new laws that can’t be enforced.

“People don’t want more new laws. They want more respect,” Binder said.

Others who testified at the meeting said they wanted an

ordinance to protect them from having to breath tobacco smoke.

Committee member Kevin Jenkins said when he first heard of the idea of passing a smoking ordinance “my knee-jerk reaction was ‘absolutely.’”

“I’m anti-smoking and, like Greg [Orsini} said, I can’t stand the smell of it,” Jenkins said.

However, Jenkins said he didn’t like the idea of creating a new law that won’t be enforced.

“I really find myself torn on this question,” he said.

After more discussion, committee member Dreyer made a motion, seconded by Jenkins, to recommend that the supervisors not pursue a smoking ordinance. When it came time for a vote, the committee deadlocked, with Dreyer, Jenkins and Orsini voting in favor of the motion, and members Shepherd, Craig Tucker and Barbara Georgianna voting against the motion.

Further discussion ensued, with Tucker explaining the effectiveness of smoking ordinances, which have been shown to reduce smoking rates.

Jenkins suggested further discussion, and recommended that the item be continued to a future meeting.

Tucker chimed in and strongly urged the committee to resolve the issue. He quickly crafted a motion, with input from board members and the public, that took into account most of the concerns of committee members.

The motion, approved by the committee, states “In order to protect public health, the McKMAC [McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee] recommends that county supervisors adopt a smoking ordinance that respects private property and personal freedoms and takes into account issues of enforceability.”

The two dozen attendees of the meeting at Middle School Conference Center broke into applause after the vote.

It’s now up to the Board of Supevisors to decide whether to create a smoking ordinance.

Huffman | Tips on what to do if ICE knocks on your door

❖ FROM A1

“The good news is that most of the sheriffs and police departments in my district have no interest in doing that. They understand that if they are perceived in their communities as arms of ICE, nobody’s going to trust them, no one’s going to report crimes in their neighborhood or turn people in when they commit crimes. Pretty soon you’d have a complete erosion of trust between the community and law enforcement.”

These sentiments were buttressed by Eureka Police Chief Andrew Mills in an online statement that coincided with Huffman’s visit:

“Eureka Police Department will not stop, detain or arrest people because of their color, national origin, race or religion. That is unconstitutional, unlawful and wrong. EPD policy says immigration enforcement is only conducted for ‘serious violations or investigative necessity.’”

Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman voiced much the same early last month. Asked about the potential impact of a city council decision to declare

Arcata a sanctuary city, he said, “The reality is we rarely, if ever, have a reason to enforce immigration laws.” Sanctuary status would not alter that (*Union*, Feb. 15).

Congressman Huffman affirmed that local officers are not doing traffic stops with immigration checks or going into the schools or hospitals.

“Immigrants need not fear taking their children to hospitals,” he added. “If, God forbid, the Trump administration does start crossing those red lines, we will take it to court [and] the state of California will take it to court. We will fight them and I think we’ll prevail,” he pledged to an outpouring of applause.

The House Democrat was greeted by a highly enthusiastic audience with frequent bursts of applause and a handful of posters scattered here and there reading, “We Are a Nation of Immigrants,” “Resist Trump Fascist Lies” and “Hooray for Our Side.”

Huffman hastened to acknowledge that

President Trump’s new pronouncements last week expanding the ranks of immigrants subject to deportation are, in his view, “deeply, deeply troubling.”

Referring in particular to the legal status of undocumented immigrant minors, the North Coast lawmaker declared, “Certainly if we get any sign that Dreamers are getting caught up in any of this, we’ll fight that any way we can. Despite what it looks like right now [majority Republican control of the House and Senate], I think there’s bipartisan support to protect the Dreamers in the United States Congress. We will push back, I hope, as necessary.”

A new CBS News poll late last week showed that when Americans are asked to name the most important problem this year, immigration is number one, followed closely by jobs and health care. Republicans are especially likely to say immigration should be the chief priority for the president and Congress, CBS reported.



Jared Huffman

Huffman’s staff has posted a series of immigrants’ rights on his House website, though the information is not to be construed as legal advice. It states in part:

- If an agent arrives at your residence, ask for the warrant to be passed under the door.
- You have the right to refuse to answer questions. ICE can use anything you say against you in your immigration case.
- You do not have to reveal your immigration status either to law enforcement or to schools.

On another subject, a man identifying himself as a veteran, housepainter, Brian Fallon, asked Huffman to remedy the glaring lack of primary care physicians at the Eureka Veterans Clinic.

“We’ve been told they won’t come here because they take a cut in pay,” Fallon related. “That’s wrong. Us veterans need doctors and we need good doctors. Can you help us try to correct this problem?”

Huffman called the situation a tragedy and a long-term problem, saying he would pursue adjusting the doctors’ compensation formula and other unspecified incentives to attract them here.

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Solidarity | Galvanizing a ‘citizenship renaissance’

❖ FROM A1

week at Rep. Jared Huffman’s (D-2nd District) Town Hall.

“I am very scared,” one plainspoken constituent stated with fervor, echoing the sadness and fear expressed by others.

“I don’t think [Trump] is mentally fit to be president,” she said.

Huffman went so far as to characterize Trump as “a

demagogue.”

He voiced strong hope that the president’s political impact will galvanize a “citizenship renaissance,” a mass voter activism that returns Democrats to power in the 2018 midterm elections.

He called the exceptional turnout at his town hall, much larger than in the past, a harbinger of what he senses could be a new and dynamic civic-mindedness and ardent interest in national affairs.

PUBLIC MEETINGS			
GOVERNING BODY	NEXT MEETING	MEETING LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
Arcata City Council Meets first & third Wednesday	today, March 1 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	cityofarcata.org
Blue Lake City Council Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Buiding behind City Hall	bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District Meets fourth Thursday	Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	humboldtбай.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) Meets second Thursday	Thursday, March 9 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	hbmwd.com/meetings
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, March 7 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) Meets third Thursday	Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm
McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Meets first Wednesday	today, March 1 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	mckinleyvillecsd.com
McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) Meets last Wednesday	Wednesday, March 29 at 6 p.m.	Azalea Conference Center, 2275 Central Ave., McKinleyville	humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ
Trinidad City Council Meets second Wednesday	Wednesday, March 8 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	trinidad.ca.gov

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Wes Cole charges remain, treatment delayed

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EUREKA – For the second time in as many months, Charles Wesley Cole schlepped into a courtroom to find out what plans the government has to fix his brain so that it can put him on trial. And once again, he left the courtroom with his legal challenges in place and his future uncertain.

Cole is charged with felony animal cruelty of the alleged mistreatment of his dog, Mr. Know Buddy on Jan. 14, 2016 in Arcata. The dog has since been renamed Jackpot and re-homed in the Bay Area.

Cole is also charged with battery and vandalism over an incident which occurred at the North Coast Co-op during which he allegedly threw some coffee at a cashier and broke a van window.

His first trial ended in a hung jury, but local animal rights activists pressed for a retrial, and the District Attorney’s Office has continued to pursue charges. But last month, Cole was declared mentally unfit to stand trial, and the state’s Conditional Release Program was asked to come up with a mental treatment plan to prepare him for retrial.

Cole’s court-appointed attorney, Kaleb Cockrum, has been pressing for a reduction in the felony cruelty charge to a misdemeanor, which would allow Cole to remain free and receive local outpatient treatment. But before last week’s hearing, Cockrum wasn’t sanguine about Cole’s chances. His best guess was that his client would be taken into custody that day since his was a discretionary “equity” argument on Cole’s behalf.

For his part, Cole was agitated and upset, at times on the verge of tears as the paced about the corridor outside Courtroom 7, cataloging all the ways he believes he’s been victimized by the legal system, police, news media, the animal activists and even some of his mentors.



TRUDGING TOWARD JUSTICE Charles Wesley Cole arduously climbs the courthouse stairs to attend his January hearing. KLH | UNION

The animal rights activists, who once flocked to his court hearings by the dozens, have mostly stopped attending. None were present last week.

Appearing before Judge Joyce Hinrich, Cockrum asked that the felony cruelty charge be reduced to a misdemeanor. He said that sending Cole to a state hospital would do “grievous harm” to him, and asked that if incarceration was deemed necessary, that it be delayed until March 3 so that

Cole could get his monthly assistance checks at the turn of the month, settle some bills and put his possessions in storage. Deputy DA Carolyn Schaffer said her office would submit to the discretion of the court.

Hinrichs said the court’s options were limited. She noted that Cole had “complied in every single way” with recent court orders regarding his treatment, and had showed up for each hearing without fail “even when there has been potential for not walking out the door.”

The judge declined to reduce the cruelty charge to a misdemeanor and stuck with the requirement that he be treated in a state hospital so as to be “restored to competency.”

However, state mental hospitals are presently full to capacity. Cockrum said there was a lengthy waiting list numbering as many as 500 assigned patients. With no vacancies, Cole will remain free for the time being, with reviews conducted every 30 days and submitted to the Dept. of State Hospitals. He’ll continue to receive outpatient treatment through the county Mental Health dept. for the misdemeanor case. Meanwhile, he won’t be required to take anti-psychotic medication.

Hinrichs told Cole that she hoped the local treatment would restore his competency so as to avert being sent to a state hospital. If he does have to go to the hospital, she hoped that he would deliver himself there. It’s not clear which hospital he’d be assigned to, possibly one in Atascadero or Napa.

Another hearing is set for Friday, March 24 at 8:30 a.m.

County’s road damages may reach \$20 million

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County’s Board of Supervisors has approved a new storm-related emergency declaration for February as the cost of road damages surpasses the \$15 million mark.

This winter’s storms and the damages they caused continue to challenge the county. Approved at the Feb. 21 supervisors meeting, the new declaration responds to storms that worsened already damaged roads and caused even more flooding in the first half of the month.

Last week, a federal major disaster declaration was issued for the state, which opens avenues for funding the damages from January storms. Humboldt County will need it – the estimated tab for road damages is \$7.6 million for January alone.



Rex Bohn

In an interview, county Department of Public Works Director Tom Mattson said total road repairs for January and February will probably cost more than \$15 million and “might even reach \$20 million.”

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has confirmed the county’s road damages for January, Mattson continued, and will fund 80 percent of the repair costs. The county’s share is 11 percent.

“The big problem now is that we have to use our road maintenance funding to pay our match,” said Mattson. The county has a road maintenance backlog of about \$250 million.

Mattson said that if

state and federal emergency declarations and related funding don’t materialize for February, “It’s a whole new ballgame.”

At last week’s supervisors meeting, Supervisor Estelle Fennell credited the DPW and the county’s Office of Emergency Services (OES) for their work.

“Hopefully, we won’t have a whole lot more damage in the coming weeks,” she said. “What we’ve been dealing with, especially in the first and second districts, has been pretty phenomenal so far.”

Supervisor Rex Bohn noted the impact of landslides, which have taken out or blocked county roads in many places. He said road repair work is

pending.

“For the people that are suffering and keep asking when their road will be fixed – there’s no reason to open that sore until it stops raining.”

he continued. “It’s got to dry out before we can fix it, because we’ll just be fixing it two or three times.”

In an interview, Dorie Lanni, the county’s OES Manager, said there are many “repetitive loss sites” in the county where damages compound with every storm event. She said the county’s Department of Public Works has a “growing list” of damaged roads that is now four pages long.

According to a written Board of Supervisors staff report, the county’s agricultural producers experienced damages exceeding \$10 million in January. Those damages aren’t eligible for federal funding since they occur on private property.

Task Force | May or may not consider Sanctuary Cities

❖ **FROM A1**
tuary City status, something the City Council is set to consider.

During oral communication, several speakers asked the task force to endorse Sanctuary City status for Arcata on grounds that it is key to public safety. Former City Councilmember Dave Meserve said the Trump Administration’s immigration policies are “an assault on the feeling of safety of immigrants.”

Speaker Linda Pelletier said Sanctuary Cities are safer, because immigrants needn’t fear reporting crime to local police, who won’t arrest them for lack of citizenship.

Attorney Peter Martin called President Trump’s rhetoric racist, and – using one of the president’s favorite terms – “a disgrace.” “All people of conscience should stand up and fight it,” Martin said.

The task force agreed to consider scheduling Sanctuary Cities for consideration during the segment designated for identifying future agenda items later in the meeting.

After closing the oral communications segment and moving on to other business, Martin interrupted to ask whether the task force would be further deliberating on the matter that night. Told no, he, Meserve and all of the students filed out of the chamber, leaving but one member of the public and few reporters on hand.

The task force and other public bodies can’t legally deliberate on matters which haven’t been agendized and legally noticed to the public.

Member and Arcata House Partnership (AHP) Executive Director Darlene Spoor, charged with developing a list of community resources for the homeless, said she had one that was several pages long. But she didn’t bring it, instead suggesting that for the time being, individuals in need be referred to AHP’s Annex, located at 501 Ninth St. across from the transit center. There, Thursdays from

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and soon five days per week, one-stop referrals to available resources will be offered. “When you see someone on the street, that’s where you send them,” Spoor said.

A subcommittee working on a community resources pamphlet is developing a list of key phone numbers for citizens to use when reporting crime, plus information on how to do so, when to use 911 rather than the Arcata Police business phone, and other useful tips. A concise, card-sized version will also be available.

Member Josh Neff produced a lengthy list of events sponsored by Arcata Main Street (AMS), on which he serves as a boardmember, which present opportunities for the task force to conduct outreach. AMS also has a list of contacts for the businesses within its downtown jurisdiction which could prove useful.

Member Brian Razdin, charged with reviewing APD’s website, suggested that individual police officers’ photos and contact information be displayed, to put a human face on the police force. Police Chief Tom Chapman, the committee’s staff liaison, said he wasn’t sure that would be legal, but would check. “It’s a human factor,” Razdin said.

Vice Chair Melissa Lazon updated the task force on the status of the Westwood Village Community Pathway Project. That project is both practical and symbolic, representing citizen response to the assault on a child by a mentally ill man last year. An illuminated sculpture there will light the path and improve both the trail’s safety and appearance.

During a site visit by city engineers, Lazon said the original location was deemed impractical, so it will be slightly relocated. A meeting with a solar power vendor is planned, and other adjustments will be made.

The pathway project will serve as a proof-of-concept for another, more ambitious one proposed by members of the task force. That will involve possible creation of a safety corri-

dor for Humboldt State University students linking campus and town. The route would be well-lit and include surveillance cameras in order to record any incidents which may occur.

Perhaps the task force’s most daunting challenge is an assessment of safety issues and priorities for Arcata’s many neighborhoods. How it will go about that is unclear. An online survey was suggested, as was soliciting testimony from the public.

“I think we need to do both,” said member and Humboldt State rep Dr. Corliss Bennett-McBride.

In setting priorities, the task force tried to decide whether to emphasize geographical locations, or issues affecting the town.

Member Maureen McGarry noted that the task force’s term of existence is only one year and 12 meetings, and it only had 10 remaining. She said neighborhood residents could do the basic research and report to the group.

“I just don’t see us getting to it all,” McGarry said. Member Josh Neff said deterioration of public behavior standards is a core problem. He suggested that members extract public sentiment from their respective areas and report back.

Chapman suggested that the Valley West area be given some attention, as it has come to suffer from many of the issues afflicting downtown – aggressive panhandling, inappropriate behavior, illegal camping and more.

Spoor said Valley West has perhaps 150 homeless individuals, a figure that may be refined during this week’s homeless Point In Time census.

Bennett-McBride said discrimination against students, who comprise half the town’s population, is a pressing concern.

As to whether the task force should take up the Sanctuary Cities matter, member Stephanie McCaleb said that it could prove an overwhelming distraction to the group’s central crime-fighting mission.

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• **Friday, January 27 5:48 a.m.** In what would shape up as a terrible day for glass, a Plaza restaurant's window was bashed in.

6:05 a.m. Someone threw a rock at a C Street resident's window.

11:35 a.m. A car's front window was smashed on the 11th Street freeway overpass.

1:41 a.m. A man was reported sitting in his vehicle manipulating his DNA-transmission equipment while viewing the Community Center playground. He got away.

12:10 p.m. A bad, bad roommate stole a cohabitant's debit card and shopping spree \$600 in groceries from a Uniontown store.

1:17 p.m. A gent of some years who sported a flowing gray mane ought to have had sufficient life experience to appreciate the unsustainable folly of guzzling booze from an open container on Seventh Street and yelling at passersby. Police are well-practiced in dealing with these two historically related activities, as any novice practitioner soon learns. Maybe the arrest will bring the geezer a glimmer.

4:39 p.m. The Humboldt Gem and Mineral Society's shed stash of special rocks was burgled, with an unknown number stolen.

• **Saturday, January 28 2:38 p.m.** No, not even at the hospital is a backpack left in a car safe.

And once more the parking lot glistened with granulated safety glass.

7:27 p.m. A backpack-bearing bicyclist out front of a Union-town store almost ran over some old lady who acted like sidewalks were for people to just freely walk around on. Fortunately the elderly speed bump hogging the walkway didn't topple the hard-charging young biker.

8:48 p.m. Some sort of brawl broke out at a normally sedate Valley West restaurant.

• **Monday, January 30 6:56 a.m.** A green-jacketed man at 16th and G streets exercised his very particular set of skills, which center on flailing his arms about and yelling nonsensically. What he didn't know is that only the most sensible arm-flail/yell combo is desirable there.

11:44 p.m. Yet another of the tatterdemalion caravans that turn up on Arcata's streets alighted stinkily in the 800 block of J Street. This one pulled a trailer, which the vehicle's occupants repurposed as an outhouse.

3:19 p.m. The motorhome which has loomed ominously outside a Valley West cannabis clinic again proved something of a garbage fountain, with multiple occupants flinging trash onto the bedraggled lawn. Since sleazery loves company, another crap-camp sprang up like a stinkweed on the business's north side.

7:21 p.m. With dumpsters on



L.K. Wood Boulevard repurposed as his bully pulpit, a behoodied man bullied passersby with the spittle-flecked fruits of his 250-word vocabulary and then scampered.

• **Tuesday, January 31 9:45 a.m.** Near the intersection of picturesquely named Aldergrove Road and Pepperwood Lane, a property owner complained of two campers residing there amid the scattered ruins of 15 disassembled bicycles of dubious provenance.

1:07 p.m. A Hyland Street man was reported repairing vehicles in his driveway, then using neighborhood streets as a high-speed test track to the reverse-delight of residents.

6:01 p.m. A bearded man wearing reflective firefighter pants and a backpack with a flag on it might have shaped up as one of the charming, innocuous eccentrics Arcata is always happy to collectively adopt, especially now that there are some vacant slots. But no, he turned out to be just another shoplifting problem-manchild who has to be repeatedly ejected from a 13th Street store.

• **Wednesday, February 1 11:45 a.m.** The sleazeball-besieged Valley West cannabis clinic again reported campers in the residential RV out front blocking the sidewalk with their dogs and basically blotting out the sun with their oppressive presence.

5:28 p.m. A bearded man with reflective strips on his pants

wouldn't remove his burly bulk from out front of a Plaza business; rather, the request brought a threat of attack.

• **Thursday, February 2 9:31 a.m.** A maroon truck adopted the Community Park lot, its occupant reportedly engaging in solo erotic activity there for all to involuntarily behold. He was cited for something unspecified.

1:31 p.m. A Center Avenue resident reported a red-shirted woman out front of her home yelling. While the caller was on the phone, the woman came in and stole her iPod Touch, unplugged security cameras and then turned off power to the house.

2:34 p.m. A man asked to speak with an officer about "right wing attacks" on homeless people and minority group members. He said he had been calling "all businesses" in Arcata to advise them to be on the lookout. He called for extra patrols and monitoring of "all cameras."

11:40 p.m. A man said he'd been getting calls from his girlfriend's phone saying that she'd been in a car accident, but it wasn't her. His working theory was that their phones had been hacked.

• **Friday, February 3 11:23 p.m.** Someone spotted two dark-clothed figures running across Giuntoli Lane near the east end of the teardrop roundabout, and one of them looked like they had a body slung over their shoulder.

• **Saturday, February 4 7:39 p.m.** A man with different-colored sneakers tackled a woman in the street woman and the two

then ran off eastbound on 10th Street. The baggily-clad woman appeared to be "high on something."

• **Sunday, February 5 8:58 a.m.** A man lying in the center of a Valley West parking lot appeared to be feeding illegal drugs to his dog.

2:35 p.m. After a yellgument with a man, a woman sought refuge in someone's G Street apartment.

• **Monday, February 6 11:47 p.m.** A man in high-visibility camouflage pants loitering about a Valley West strip mall may have had his orange headkerchief screwed on too tight, as it squeezed from his bandana-bound cranium volleys of floccinaucinihilipilification aimed at undeserving passersby. (*Note: the Mad River Union assumes no responsibility for pronunciation-related injuries sustained by vocal talent associated with Reading Service of the Redwoods during their weekly recitation of this column. – Ed.*)

• **Tuesday, February 7 4:58 p.m.** A man with a walking stick and wearing a green stocking cap went pee out front of a Valley West store and failed to observe even the most nominal discretion, both exposing his hideous anatomy and acting aggressively towards passerby who may have still been rattled by the previous night's bandana victim.

11:26 p.m. A man lodged at a Valley West motel complained of a naked woman entering his room.

DUI | Convict immediately jailed

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peal for "the harshest penalties allowed by law" came from Gradwohl's brother, Jeffrey Stewart Garami. His brother's death stemmed from a criminal homicide, not a traffic mishap or a freak accident, Garami told the court. He underscored that Gradwohl, 55, screamed for his life as he was mowed down by Bergeson's Honda van and the passengers inside screamed at him to stop.

One of Gradwohl's closest friends locally, Kevin Johnson, spoke high words of condemnation but with reasoned arguments and a measured tone. "Robert Bergeson did not even have the courage to face and comfort the man he just ran over, but left Alan to die in the street, while his [passenger] friends fled off to hide after removing open beer cans from the van," Johnson stated.

Arcata police officers reported that Bergeson was visibly intoxicated at the scene with alcoholic breath, slurred speech and an unsteady gait. Reportedly he and his four passengers were headed to The Alibi tavern when the fatal collision occurred.

One of the passengers was quoted as saying that the group was "being rowdy" in the van as Bergeson turned at the intersection at 14th & H streets near Wildberries, suggesting he may have been distracted as well as intoxicated.

A search of the Honda turned up a number of empty beer cans in the floor wells, but one or more of the passengers told police that Bergeson was not drinking at the wheel "and he definitely stopped at the posted stop sign" at 14th and H.

The state's manslaughter case charged that Bergeson's blood alcohol level tested at 0.16-0.17 percent, twice the

legal limit of 0.08 percent.

As the defendant sat silently and listened, Johnson looked at him directly and recounted Bergeson's Labor Day holiday last fall. "He spent the day getting in and out of his van making the decision to drink and drive, repeatedly, throughout the day. Not just once," Johnson emphasized, "but several times throughout the day he drank and got into the van with friends driving the streets of Arcata."

Not once did Bergeson swerve or stop as he ran down Gradwohl in the crosswalk, Johnson asserted. "Alan was thrust upon the van, screaming and pounding, trying to save his life."

The victim's brother, Garami, had said he would always relive the terror, panic and anguish which Gradwohl suffered in his agonizing last moments. "I have an overcoming sick feeling of empathy for my brother... knowing he was going to die very soon and in a horrifying way. I will always have that empathy," Garami said sadly.

Invoking the ancient precept *facta non verba* (deeds, not words), Johnson asked Judge Feeney for an aggravated sentence. Choking up at times, aiming his words at the HSU student by name, Johnson avowed, "Mr. Bergeson, it is the actions we do that makes us who we are. It takes courage to accept the consequences of your actions. We feel this punishment will never fit the crime for taking the life of our friend."

Next, Public Defender Heidi Holmquist spoke briefly on her client's behalf, calling Bergeson "a sweet young man" who "did not set out to kill anyone that day." He faces a "terrible burden" and "never tried to evade punishment, she said, "He has stated to me that he wants to be punished."

As her client openly wept, Holmquist added, "I know that it is a lot to ask the court," but restated Bergeson's request to start his one-year sentence on June 1 and allow him to finish the school year at HSU.

Next, Bergeson's mother, Erin Wallace, weeping, sniffing and broken voiced, pleaded for leniency while acknowledging the "immensity and irreparable damage" of

her son's actions. Wallace said in extenuation that he had served for three weeks at a Christian bible school in Indonesia and paid out of his own pocket for sandwiches and clothing for the homeless.

Crying throughout, she concluded, "I'm extremely heartbroken over this."

Bergeson then stood, faced Gradwohl's family and loved ones and read aloud a statement of contrition and remorse. "I stand before you a convicted man," he began, referring to Gradwohl's death as "a tragic incident," not a killing. "Remorse and shame have filled me to the brim."

Promising to advocate on behalf of the nonprofit Mothers Against Drunk Driving, he went on, "I cannot fathom your loss... I think of all of you each day."

Yet Bergeson insisted, "I am not a criminal or a hateful or a bad person. I am sorry, I am so sorry, from the bottom of my heart. This tragedy has forever changed me. I am full of remorse; God bless all of you."

The drama was not over. Having listened at length and attentively to the final statements, Judge Feeney added 100 hours of community service to the sentence.

He countenanced no other change to the recommendations of the probation report, but then remanded Bergeson to jail forthwith, rejecting Holmquist's request for the postponement until June 1.

Two bailiffs instantly seized Bergeson by the wrists and handcuffed him while his mother, Wallace, cried out, "Oh no!"

Dressed formally all in white, she stood unsteadily and reached her arms over the courtroom railing, just a few feet from where her son was flanked body-to-body by the officers. She asked in a pitying sob to hug Bergeson. In a curt snub, one bailiff uttered harshly, "No!" The convict was taken away.

Inconsolable, fumbling for her purse, blinded by tears, Wallace had to be led out of the courtroom to regain her composure.

The immediate jailing appeared to take Bergeson's mother and friends by surprise, possibly because they supposed from the relative leniency of the probation report that the request for postponement would be accepted.

Feeney ruled otherwise, while acknowledging the request and saying he understood the practical reason for it.

Under the law, Bergeson's clean rap sheet allowed leeway on the length of incarceration.

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OPINION

An engaged citizenry debates the issues of the day

On rent control & council seat

Last night’s Arcata City Council meeting (Feb. 15), was a really important meeting for people to watch at *cityofarcata.org*. Two big topics were discussed, the Mobile Home Rent Stabilization ordinance and how the city should go about filling the City Council seat of Mark Wheetley, who is leaving his term early.

It looks like the city is moving forward to do the ordinance, although it will be back at least one more time for more discussion. I feel bad for the mobile home owners who have been working so hard for two years to try to get this ordinance with the help of the city, but in the end it just delayed them getting the protections they so badly need. They certainly could have had an initiative such as the county’s Measure V by now. It is a good lesson for people who want to make big change that government may be resistant to. Start the initiative process first and then see if the government is willing to help work toward the desired goal.

As for the decision that was made regarding filling Mark Wheetley’s seat, I am sorry to say that the council decided to go with appointing the new council member. There were only four council members present last night and the vote was 3 to 1. It was said that a council has not appointed a city council member since the 1980s. I imagine that the reason is because generally that is not a popular choice by the citizenry who already have so little power besides the vote.

If the choice was made to allow the citizens to have a vote to elect the new member, it would leave the council with only four members for several months and also cost \$20,000 to \$25,000. However, I have witnessed many meetings over the years where there have been only four

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council members in attendance which is doable, and our city seems to be able to come up with money for projects and give money to special interests that seem less important to me than a democratic election for a new City Council person.

Having the council select the new council member will be an interesting process to observe. It sounds like they would like to find ways to make the public feel as included as possible such as interviewing the candidates in a public meeting.

In the end, whatever opinions may be formed by the public about the candidates will not count since only the council members will actually be able to vote. It is my hope that the city council members will keep in mind that if there was an election it would be open to anyone who could qualify and that in an appointment process there is more chance of the perception that the council member’s personal bias will come into play by choosing someone for example, because of age, experience, college education, gender, etc.

The good thing about an election is that people are not held to any particular standard thereby opening up the field. In addition, whoever is appointed will have the advantage of being an incumbent if they decide to run for election in November 2018. I do not see City Council appointments or selections being a democratic process for the selection of one of their own. City Council is a position elected by the people and so that is the way it should always be.

Dana Quillman
Arcata
Edward “Buzz” Webb
McKinleyville

The Bully of Oz

Did you know that bullies are, at their core, insecure? They compensate for this insecurity through braggadocio, bellicosity, bluster and bumptiousness. And they gather around them a coterie of equally insecure sycophants and wannabes.

Also attracted are those who are fearful of being left out of the “in crowd” The bully and his or her entourage intimidate those not “in”.

My daughter, a school counselor, wrote her thesis on Girl Bullying in Middle School. Girls at this age can be quite vicious to those on the outs and who are different. Their armory of spleen includes Facebook and Twitter.

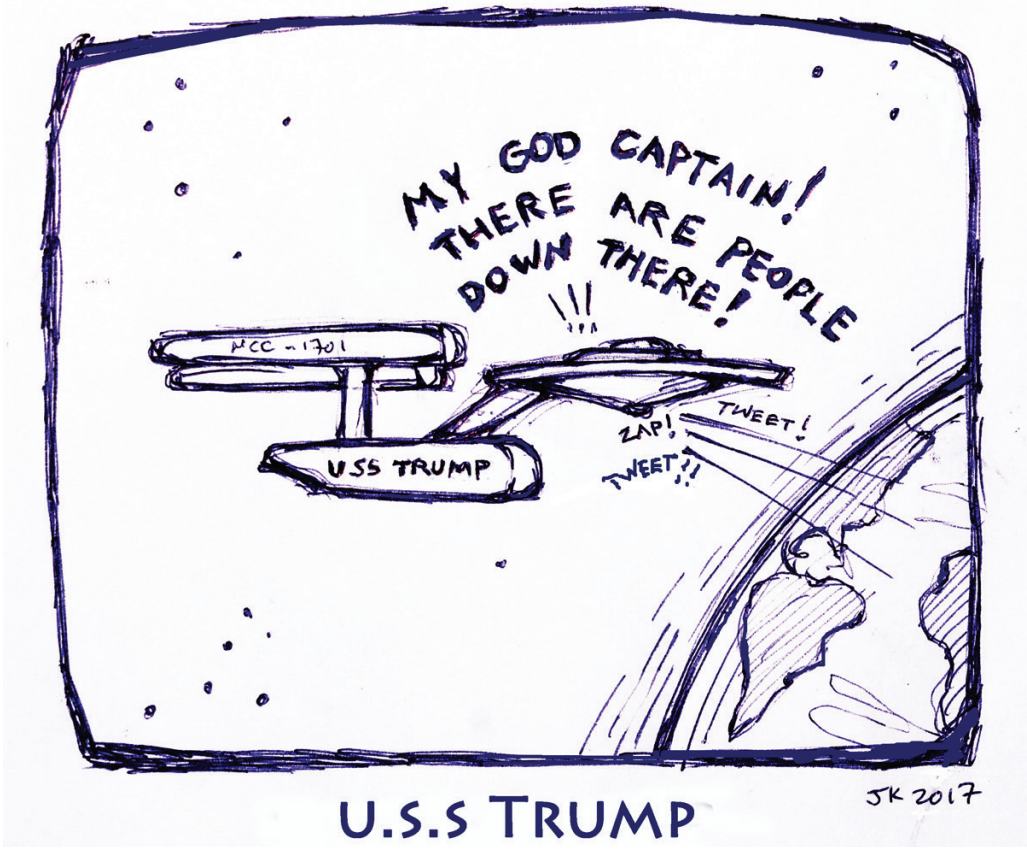
The good news is that as these girls mature and reach their junior or senior year of high school, they develop healthier interests and leave the bully leader behind.

So, there is hope. Perhaps our leaders in government and business who are currently kowtowing to the bully will “mature” and find the courage to abandon him and act in the best interests of our country rather than out of fear of being on the “outs”.

Although, it may take pressure from those of us on the “outs” to persuade them.

How many Totos will it take to pull back the curtain to reveal the wizard as an empty blowhard, and how many parade watchers will finally declare that the emperor has no clothes?

Remember the lesson from Oz: we all have courage, brains and heart if we dare to use them.



We’re subsidizing rural lifestyles

It was recently reported that the tab in Humboldt County for the recent storms will be at least \$32 million.

Humboldt County Public Works Director Tom Mattson estimated rural county road damage alone is up to \$10 million after the latest storm. That’s above and beyond normal road maintenance costs.

I fully support getting all of our county roads fixed!

But let’s be clear. The cost of repair to roads that serve roughly 20 percent of the county’s population will be paid for by the other 80 percent of taxpayers who live in town. I do not begrudge these residents any more than I do the nation’s red state residents. However, *Slate* recently stated: “What we regard as red states are sent a whole lot more of your hard-earned tax dollars than the traditional blue states. In effect, supposedly indolent, ‘tax and spend’ liberals actually subsidize the individualistic, pure, and hard-working lifestyle of our conservative countrymen.”

I fully support sending them our money. After all we’re in this together. We’re all Americans.

The same is true statewide here in California. Our overall spending in this “rural” county, for example, is underwritten by the state’s urban centers like the San Francisco Bay area and Southern California (the very areas the “State of Jefferson” would have us secede from!)

I fully support them sending us their money.

The point I want to make, however, is that we need to remember these facts as we sit by and watch the current county Planning Commission (dominated by supporters of HumCPR), rewrite the General

Plan Update to the approval of the “Gang of Four” on the Board of Supervisors.

These are the four supervisors who appointed or voted in favor of these majority commissioners from the pro-development industry: Ryan Sundberg, Virginia Bass, Rex Bohn and, of course, Estelle Fennell, who used to be paid directly by HumCPR, but now just relies on them to fund her campaign coffers.

What we hear about from HumCPR and from these four supervisors is “property rights.” What they don’t tell you is that you get to pay for their “right” to build more and more homes up in the hills or on their TPZ land.

We pay to subsidize emergency services to these remote areas. We pay to repair their roads. We pay for their helicopter rescues. We pay to send in firefighters, which is more costly when fires reach occupied property and structures than fighting fires in unoccupied forests. In short, we pay to subsidize their lifestyle.

This is, after all, where the bulk of our Measure Z dollars go.

If that wasn’t bad enough, let us not forget that Rex Bohn recently advocated in the pages of the *Times-Standard* that we also change the zoning (you know, those bothersome “regulations” that stifle the free market), to allow more residential buildings in flood zones. The \$45,000 Rex boasts of bringing to the county in his My Word (“State must honor its obligations to PILT counties,” *Times-Standard*, Feb. 17, Page A4) will be spent several times over by the first King Tide or the next major rain storm if we go with his plan.

Richard Salzman is an Arcata resident.

❖ HUMBOLDTIANS ABROAD

A Drop in the Ocean

Abu Rudy shaved today. For the past two weeks that we have come to know him through his work as a translator here at the camp, he has always been scruffy. Not a full or even well-tailored beard, but a graying, whiskery beard. The beard of a man grown weary.

But this morning, like the new shoes he has had set aside for this long-awaited occasion, he shines. He is standing among several dozen Syrian Kurdish families all having gathered at the gate to await the bus that will take them to Athens for their second interview.

But where Abu Rudy is uncharacteristically nervous, very aware of the weight of this trip, the other families are laughing. The women in their bright dresses and head scarves huddle together for group photos, the children being children, chase each other about laughing, pulling at each other’s clothes, hiding behind the legs of their mothers. It has been a very long, traumatic journey, through routes ranging from Turkey to Libya, the Greek islands all the way here to the border of Macedonia in northern Greece where they have hit a wall and go no further. But today, they are hopeful. Maybe, “god willing,” they will be allowed to begin again.

For me this trip began in Humboldt, from my home in Manila, listening to KHSU and hearing an interview with a local woman who had just returned from Athens speaking about her work with the refugees. I had finally created space in my life to take a trip, but kept putting it off because I was wanting more than just a vacation, something where I could combine travel with some sort of service.

“Just go,” she said. If you have even the smallest interest, go. It will absolutely be worth it. The tone of her voice carried the conviction.

Six weeks later I arrived at this camp having hopped from SFO to Stockholm to Budapest and finally, Thessanoliki, Greece, seamlessly moving from one country to the next, greeted with smiles as they stamped my passport, my golden ticket, and welcomed me to their country.

But the residents do not have the same privileges. Their country has undergone a horrendous civil war with their neighborhoods, homes, schools, markets and hospitals bombed by both Syrian and Russian forces, cut off from food, medical care, basic goods like toilet paper, kerosene and diapers they were forced to flee. By the hundreds of thousands. Half a country in just a few years.

Walking across mountains and taking to the sea, many of them on the road for years, with the young children misun-

derstanding the word “house” to simply mean tent.

And so they have become dependent on the help of strangers. Former truck drivers, medical workers, lawyers, scientists, bakers. Everyone.

With a raw mixture of humility and appreciation, they line up at our plywood shed where we distribute the days rations, peering in to glimpse what they may receive on this day.

Today each person will receive one carrot, one potato, one lemon, half a bunch of parsley, a small bag of rice, another of bulgar, and some cooking oil. All of it donated and nothing dependable. Sometimes sugar or tea, sometimes spinach, and for many camps, very little at all.

This camp, Nea Kavala, is considered one of the best. And only three months ago they were living out of tents in a muddy field, frozen solid, 4,000 people huddled close to kerosene stoves, if they had them, or simply wrapped in coats and blankets.

There is no easy answer to this situation and I have yet to see anything to suggest otherwise. So we simply do what we can do. Like the name of this aid group, we are just A Drop in the Ocean.

We strive to understand, perhaps give some food or a pair of socks, or like today, take in a measure of inspiration, joy, humility and appreciation in the daily life of the camp - young men, boys and girls kicking a soccer ball against the warehouse doors while dancing to their own impromptu karaoke; mothers and daughters walking hand in hand laughing and smiling, heads wrapped in bright scarves, as they carry their bag of rations back home; three boys in a tussle over a single bike; a young woman giving one of the Norwegian volunteers a haircut; and Abu Rudy, Mohammed, father of Ruby, freshly shaved, shiny shoes, head lowered as he waits for a bus that will determine his life to come.

Dave Reagan is a Manila resident who is working with refugees in Greece.



❖ GUEST
OPINION
Dave Reagan



HALL HAPPENINGS



FUN & GAMES The Arcata Veterans Memorial Building continues to expand its services and uncover its own history. Top left, interns from Humboldt State University sift through the hall's formerly scattered artifacts, which are being organized and cataloged. Top right, vintage copies of the *Union* documenting hall doings from the olden days. Above left, the kitchen was busy Sunday morning as vets prepared Sunday breakfast, a weekly 10 a.m. event followed by bingo at noon. Above middle, shuffleboard is now part of the canteen's amusement amenities. Above right, the mounted moose in the office looks on stoically. Check arcata-veteranshall.org and Facebook for the latest Vets Hall news. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



RIGHT SIDE OF THE TRACKS

CLEARING THE WAY Members of the California Conservation Corps have spent the last couple of weeks clearing the railroad tracks south of Arcata in preparation for construction of the \$4.7 million Humboldt Bay Trail North this spring. The three-mile, Class 1, ADA-compliant bike and pedestrian trail will link Samoa Boulevard with Braecut as part of the larger Humboldt Bay Trail. PHOTOS COURTESY CITY OF ARCATA

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ARCATA CITY COUNCIL The Arcata City Council meet **Wednesday, March 1** at 6 p.m. in Council Chamber, 736 F St. Agenda items include the flag salute; ceremonies; declaration of a vacancy on the City Council and confirmation of a process to fill it; and adoption

of amendments to the Arcata Municipal Code plus modifications to the Urban Services Boundary and General Plan.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Arcata's Economic Development Committee meets **Thurs-**

day, March 2 at 5 p.m. in Council Chamber, 736 F St. Agenda items include the city's Zero Waste Action Plan; impacts of mandated cannabis packaging on waste reduction; public transportation alternatives; an update on economic development activities related to

the cannabis industry; a discussion of future agenda items including industrial lands, procurement policies for local business, homeless and homeless issues affecting the economy, nightlife for under-age individuals; and committee and staff communications.

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A VETERAN REMEMBERS

THE BEST GENERATIONS Allen Masterson meets with young veterans who walked down to his house from the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building last Friday afternoon. The vets enjoyed Masterson's reminiscences and shared cross-generational stories of life in the service. Clockwise from top left, Allen Masterson, Jeff Sterling, Travis Holt, Phil Irvine and Barry Alton.

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Holocaust denial disturbs Allen Masterson, WWII vet: 'I want people to understand'

Kevin L Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — Arcata's oldest surviving firefighter, Allen Masterson, served as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne in World War II. Last week, someone asked him if he has Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He does, from a couple of experiences he generally keeps to himself.

"I never talk about it," he said last Thursday. "I keep quiet."

But now, at age 92, something has him talking.

Masterson was raised an Irish Catholic. Graduating from Arcata High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 18. In 1943, he went to paratrooper school and was assigned to the famed 82nd Airborne Division. He was thrown into the thick of the war with his first posting in North Africa.

"From there, I went to Sicily, then Italy, France, Holland, Belgium and then Berlin," he said. "I made five jumps."

The Battle of the Bulge, Hitler's last major campaign during the winter of 1944/5, threw Masterson into the frigid wastelands of embattled Belgium's Ardennes forest, where 110,000 Allied soldiers were to die, along with 85,000 Germans.

When some German soldiers encountered a line of Allied tanks, Masterson said, "They mowed 'em down. And

when they hit the ground, they froze, it was so cold."

To sleep without freezing, soldiers had to pair off and share body heat. "We dug a hole in the snow at night, wrapped our feet in newspapers — the Stars and Stripes — and the two of us slept together like dogs," he said. "You're pretty close, as close as you could be."

As bad as that was, there was worse to come.

In May, 1945, Masterson was sent to Wöbbelin concentration camp, near the German town of Ludwiglust. The camp held up to 5,000 male prisoners from neighboring countries, among them Jews and others.

"I was 20 when I walked through these big wire gates," he remembers. "They had guard stations, but there was no guards. The Germans had left. All there was was these bodies."

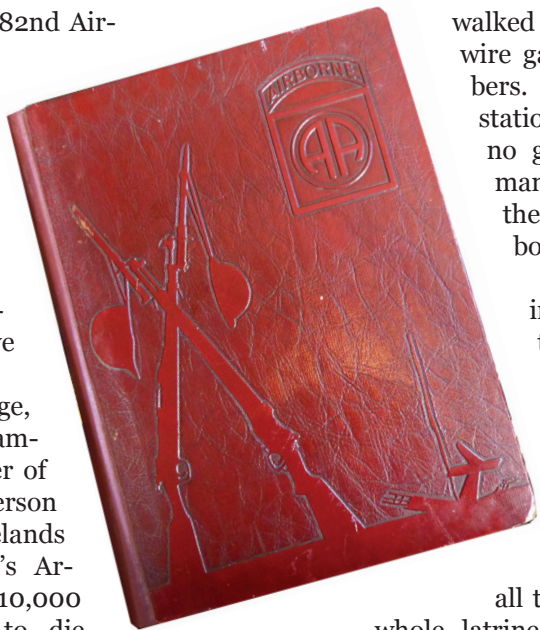
In a building used as a latrine, alongside a trough full of sewage, hundreds of naked, emaciated corpses had been stacked.

"It went all the way down the whole latrine, from the floor right up to the ceiling, as far as it goes," Masterson said. "They starved them to death. They were there to die, that was it."

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U.S. Army Pvt. Allen Masterson. Below: The Saga of the All American



FOR THE BENEFIT OF BETTY

JOIN THE CHORUS The mighty Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir. COURTESY LOUIS HOILAND

Janine Volkmar

MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA — The Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir, the rocking band Home Cookin' and Rita's Mexican Grill are teaming up to help raise funds for the Betty Kwan Chinn Day Center and Betty Chinn Homeless Outreach.

Chinn, whose work with homeless folks in Humboldt County has won many awards, received the Presidential Citizens Medal in 2010 from President Obama. She started out taking coffee and sandwiches to people on the street and now runs the Betty Chinn Day Center in Eureka.

"One of our goals for the choir this year is to do more for other organiza-



MEET THE CHEFS Home Cookin': Gary Davidson, Tim Gray, Joyce Hough and Fred Neighbor. COURTESY LOUIS HOILAND

tions," Choir Director Louis Hoiland said. "We took up a collection for Betty Chinn at our Christmas concert and our audience responded generously. Now we want to do more."

The benefit will be held

Saturday, March 11 at the Sequoia Conference Center, 901 Myrtle Ave. in Eureka. Dinner prepared by Rita's Mexican Grill and a no host bar will start at 7 p.m., the Gospel Choir will

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Follow the wires to Westhaven

WESTHAVEN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

WESTHAVEN — Internationally famous wire sculptor and local artist Elizabeth Berrien is showing at the Westhaven Center for the Arts during March and April. "Wire Wavelengths: Earth, Fire and Water" features some of her newest work. The opening reception is Sunday, March 5, from 1 to 4.

"As I approach my 50th year as a wire sculptor I am often asked to create something new ... something outside my normal familiar range. I love animals and I love wire so in the sixties and seventies I specialized in what I knew best and loved most: horses and cats," Berrien said. "People at fairs slowly drew me out, request-

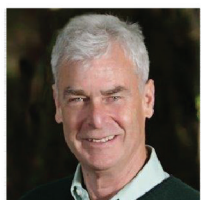


TWISTED CRITTERS Above, *Silver Cloud*. Left, *Owl Spirit*, by Elizabeth Berrien. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



ing dragons, unicorns, deer, bears, even tigers! Learning to translate new forms into wire sculpture is always a challenge, albeit a very rewarding one. Over the decades I've taken on new challenges: birds, insects, dinosaurs, humans, trees, flowers, ferns. Lately, I'm following the abstract forms within the overall forms of animals, people and things. Cellular division, diatoms, waves of water, earthen forms, fire ... all the elements seem to be a part of everything else. In the interest of keeping this show fun, I've brought horses and cats and other long-term favorites; also some of the new direction beyond, as I follow the wires to see where they take me next." To see more of her work, visit wirelady.com and wirezoo.com.

Westhaven Center is located at 501 South Westhaven Drive. Regular gallery hours are Friday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. (707) 677-9493.



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92 YEARS YOUNG Allen Masterson reminisces. KLH | UNION

Masterson | Death camp

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Entering the barracks, he and his fellow troops encountered more bodies in wooden bunks. Dead and barely living men, some children, lie side by side, “only the blue-black skin color of the dead to differentiate between the two,” according to one account.

The living dead grasped desperately at the U.S. soldiers walking down the corridors. “Their wrists were as big around as my thumb, their eyes rolled back in their sockets” Masterson said. “They’d try to grab you, to hold on to something.”

One image from 62 years ago lives vividly in Masterson’s memory. “I saw a guy trying to reach for a potato that was lying on the ground,” he said, but the emaciated prisoner was too weak. “That fella tried and tried, but he couldn’t do it.”

The troops offered the barely living survivors food, but for many it was too late. “They couldn’t eat,” Masterson said.

Others with enough strength left to move attacked a food truck like animals, some licking the ground for crumbs. One man collapsed and died running for the truck.

On standing orders from Supreme Commander Dwight Eisenhower, the liberating 82nd Airborne and 8th Infantry Division made the 10,000 residents of Ludwiglust tour the Wöbbelin death camp. Individuals from a cross section of professions were recruited to bury the bodies, some in the town square.

“We had the villagers

come out and marched them through there,” he said. “They said, ‘We didn’t know, we didn’t know.’ They had to know. It was so close to town, you could *smell* it.”

Now, Masterson has learned that the event that changed his life and ended millions of others is being called a hoax.

“My heart doctor told me yesterday that there’s a movie coming out that says there was no Holocaust,” he said. “Lots of people think there was no Holocaust.”

He understands how those born after World War II can’t appreciate the magnitude of what took place. The systematic slaughter of millions of human beings is something we today know only from grainy film clips and books – or the memories of elders.

Masterson carries those memories, and has a very special book. Bound in embossed red leather, the *Saga of the All American* is a history of the 82nd Airborne from World War One through 1946. Its musty, yellowed pages feature abundant photos of the unit’s exploits and stories of its many battles. A section on Wöbbelin documents the horrors now burned into his memories.

Masterson would never be the same. He returned to Arcata, married his wife Arletta and now lives quietly on F Street.

“I won’t be here too much longer,” Masterson said, his voice gaining intensity. “I want people to understand that there *was* a Holocaust, from somebody who had been there and seen it.”

‘Julius Caesar’ at HSU

HUMBOLDT STATE

HUMBOLDT STATE – The Theatre, Film and Dance Department at Humboldt State University presents William Shakespeare’s *Julius Caesar*, one of several plays written by Shakespeare based on true events from Roman history. The play, known to have been performed in 1599, is believed to be one of the first of Shakespeare’s works performed at the Globe Theatre outside of London. The story follows the ambitious Caesar and his desire to become dictator of Rome. He is warned to beware the Ides of March but chooses to ignore that warning and is assassinated due to the plotting of Brutus Cassius and other senators of Rome.

The *Julius Caesar* cast consists of 24 actors. The production opens Friday, March 3 and continues March 4, 9, 10, 11 at 7:30 p.m. There will be one matinee performance beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 5. General admission is \$10. Students and seniors are \$8. HSU students are admitted for free. Parking is free on weekends.

For tickets, call (707) 826-3928. For more information, call the HSU Theatre, Film and Dance Department at (707) 826-3566.

‘Quilters’ at Fern Rep

FERNDALE REPERTORY THEATRE

FERNDALE — Ferndale Repertory Theatre presents the experimental folk musical “Quilters” Friday, March 10 through April 2 at Ferndale Repertory Theatre on Main Street in Ferndale. Featuring live folk music, *Quilters* is an unconventional theatrical celebration for mothers, sisters, daughters, and the men who love them. Quilters is appropriate for audiences ages 16 and older.

Ferndale Repertory Theatre’s production of “Quilters” will feature an all-female ensemble cast including Cosmo Bernstein, Lillian Braunstein, Jenna Donahue, Marilyn Foote, Emma Johnstone, Lynn Kerman, Jane McCaffrey, Cara O’Doniel, Kaitlen Osburn, and Amethyst Shelton. Live folk music will be performed by Jim Case, Marla Joy, David Powell and Charlie Sleep. The production team includes Director and Vocal Director David Powell, Scenic Designer Liz Uhazy, Costume Designer Cindy Shepard, Properties Designer Rebecca Albee, and Stage Manager Juli Abshire. General admission tickets are \$18, \$16 for students and seniors (age 60 and over). Tickets can be purchased at ferndalerep.org, by calling (707) 786-5483 or at the door.

‘Doing Time, Doing Vipassana’ at WCA

WESTHAVEN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

WESTHAVEN – Continuing with a second film in its new Healing Arts Film/discussion series, Westhaven Center for the Arts celebrates International Women’s Day, Wednesday evening, March 8 at 7 p.m., with the award-winning documentary film, *Doing Time, Doing Vipassana* (1997).

The film details the dramatic changes which took place in India’s largest prison when an Indian woman, Kiran Bedi, the former inspector general of prisons in New Delhi, introduced Vipassana meditation to the inmates and correctional staff of the notorious Tihar jail. It is directed by Israeli filmmakers Aylet Menahemi

and Eilona Ariel.

This will also provide a unique opportunity for our community to learn firsthand about the community efforts of several men who lead meditations in our local prison.

Host Rob Diggins is an internationally acclaimed performing musician, longtime resident of the Little River watershed, and student of Swami Veda Bharati’s since 1983. Recently, he was invited to join this group of volunteers, who have been leading regular Thursday night meditation sessions in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for many years. These volunteers along with representative jail officials and members

of the judicial system have been invited to the film, and several will be on hand for the evening.

“This uplifting 52-minute documentary film is a way to bring attention to our local and global prison systems and to address their similarities, differences, strengths and weaknesses,” Diggins said. “Until we make a greater effort to become mindful of our incarcerated neighbors, the problems which beset jails and the entire criminal justice system will go unsolved, and we as individuals and as communities will continue to suffer.”

Potluck at 6:30 p.m.; \$5 suggested donation. (707) 845-1788, westhavencenter.org

WORLD DANCE PARTY

The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a live music, World Dance Party, **Friday, March 3** from 7:45 to 11 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St. in the Creamery District in Arcata. The event features easy dances and an evening of world music played by two international bands: The Ethniks and Chubritza. All ages and dance levels are welcome. (707) 496-6734, humboldtfolkdancers.org

INSPIRING GIRLS

To celebrate International Women’s Day, North Star Quest Camp presents the third annual Inspiring Girls exhibition. Artwork by campers and staff. The opening reception during Arts Alive!, **Saturday March 4** from 6 to 11 at the Kinetic Museum, 518 A St., Eureka, includes an open mic and zine release party. Come out and share how women have inspired you. “Show and Go” Open mic signups at 6 p.m. performances at 7 p.m. Intermission music DJ Spaceman Spliff. Brews by Mad River Brewing Company. Entry free for all ages. Art sales benefit NSQ, bar supports the Kinetic Race.

MONTESSORI BARN DANCE

Six Rivers Montessori presents a Barn Dance

Saturday, March 4

from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building. There will be music by Striped Pig Band with caller Lyndsey Battle. Bake sale, local beer and local cider will be available. Tickets are \$10 at the door; children are admitted free. All proceeds benefit Six Rivers Montessori.

SOROPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIP TEA

Soroptimist International of Arcata will be holding its 23rd annual scholarship tea on **Saturday, March 11** at 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Leavey Hall in Arcata. This event is a fundraiser for the Cynthia Schwenson

Scholarship Fund. Proceeds will be used for scholarships for college-bound seniors from Arcata High School and students attending Humboldt State University who have graduated from a high school within the Northern Humboldt Union High School District. The afternoon soiree will feature a cake auction, raffle items and a silent auction. Members sponsor individually themed tables and entertain guests with tea, appetizers, desserts and other surprises. Tickets are \$20 and the community is welcome. Advance reservations must be made with Elena David at (707) 822-3579 by March 1.

Chinn | Dance the night away

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sing at 8 p.m., and then attendees can dance the night away to Home Cookin’ which starts at 9 p.m. A silent auction will also be part of the event.

Tickets are \$45 per person or \$80 a couple. An 8-person table costs \$350 and includes a round of eight drinks. Tickets are available at Wildberries Marketplace, at

Picky Picky Picky, 600 E St. in Eureka, at the Betty Chinn Day Center, 133 Seventh St., Eureka, and at BChinn.BrownPaperTickets.com.

Home Cookin’ started out as Freddy and the Starliners and evolved into The Joyce Hough Band. Joyce Hough and Fred Neighbor, Tim Gray and Gary Davidson play everything from rock n’roll to Hank Williams, Merle Haggard and Wilson Pickett. Bring your dancing shoes!

(707) 407-3833, arcatainterfaithgospelchoir.org.

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1	THURSDAY, MARCH 2	FRIDAY, MARCH 3	SATURDAY, MARCH 4	SUNDAY, MARCH 5	MONDAY, MARCH 6	TUESDAY, MARCH 7
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. Sci Fi Night	6:30 p.m. Ocean Film Night	7:30 p.m. Waiting...		9:30 p.m. Dirtwire		
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. • Wave Lounge Live Music	9 p.m. • Wave Lounge Live Music	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Café Mokka Fifth & J streets, Arcata			8 p.m. Fusilli Brothers	8 p.m. The Ethnics			
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	8 p.m. Free pool		9:30 p.m. • Jimi Jeff & the Gypsy Band	9 p.m. • Johnny Young Band	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata			9:30 p.m. • Object Heavy, Absynth Quartet	9 p.m. • Tommy Cas- tro & the Painkillers			
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	9 p.m. Whomp Wednesday	9 p.m. • Thursday Night Bluegrass			9:30 p.m. • Sunda- ze w/ Deep Groove		9 p.m. • Savage Henry Comedy Night
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. Pints for Non-Profits	6 p.m. Fingal, folky fiddle	6 p.m. • Ultra Se- cret funky jazz	6 p.m. The Cropdusters		6 p.m. • Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure	6 p.m. • Kaptain Kirk's Kosmic Koncoction
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. Dogbone	8 p.m. Kingfoot	8 p.m. • Foxtrot and Sponge	2 p.m. • Happy Growler Day		
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville				7 p.m. • Barn Dance Benefit	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	

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'Women of the Northwest' a montage

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE
ARCATA – The Arcata Playhouse revives its original production *Women of the Northwest* a montage of women's lives behind the Redwood Curtain and the Northwest region. The show kicks off the O2F Women's Festival happening Thursday, March 2 through Saturday, March 11 in and around the Creamery District.

Spearheaded by actor/writer Jacqueline Dandeneau, researcher Tammy Rae Scott and historian Edith Butler, the show captures the unique and often untold stories of the women of our region and will include new material for this version of the production.

From female emancipation to prostitution, and motherhood to adventure, the production explores the choices and challenges of women a 100 years now past. The tales range from comedic to gripping and gritty, as the experiences of female Olympians, immigrants, cross-dressers, bohemians, mothers and school-marks are revealed.

The all-woman cast and band includes Jacqueline Dandeneau, Siena Nelson, Ali Freedlund, Julie



LADIES NIGHT An all-woman cast and band. COURTESY ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

Clark, Amelia David, Julie Frob-lom, Dharla Curry, Jan Bramlett, Rebecca Zetler and Tammy Rae Scott, plus contributors from the Native Women's Collective. Costumes are by Lydia Foreman with sets by Siena Nelson.

The show is supported in part by a grant from Cal Humanities – an independent nonprofit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities – and was originally funded by the Tracy Memorial Trust and the Ivy Erene Hughes

and Carl G. Lundgren funds of the Humboldt Area Foundation. The Wha Nika Club, Humboldt Soroptimists, HSU Humboldt Room and Native Women's Collective have been instrumental in providing material and support.

Show dates are Thursday to Saturday, March 2 through 4 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at Wild-berries Marketplace, brownpaper-tickets.com and by reservation at (707) 822-1575. zerotofierce.com

Creamery District going from 'Zero to Fierce'

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE
CREAMERY DISTRICT – The first annual O2F Festival is kicking off Thursday, March 2 in the Creamery District. This festival's aim is to celebrate creative women in our community. The theme of this year's festival is Zero to Fierce: an opportunity to discover, inspire and create.

The O2F Festival presents a week of fun, exciting and provocative activities to inspire our community to work, talk, and play together. It kicks off with a revival of the hit production *Women of the Northwest*, followed by a convivial symposium,

a vocal improvisation workshop with singer Rhiannon, a wild cabaret, an interactive art installation, inspiring panel discussions on health, art, business, activism and more.

Participants proceed along a chosen route following events that speak to Health and Self Care, Home and Family, the Environment, and Activism – a roadmap from Zero to Fierce. From March 2 through 11, more than 50 events will take place, including workshops and panels on writing, art, yoga, sexuality and motherhood and others. zerotofierce.com, (707) 499-0379.

AHS PANCAKE BREKKIES The Arcata High School Career & College Center invites the public to the 10th annual pancake breakfast fundraiser, in honor of center founder Jackie Foote, **Saturday, March 4** from 8 to 11 a.m. at the new Arcata High School Fine Arts Building 1720 M St. in Arcata. This event is sponsored by Arcata Rotary, Arcata Sunrise Rotary, Arcata Soroptimist, Lost Coast and North Bay Rotaract, Arcata High School Interact, Tigers Inc. and businesses, families and organizations. Proceeds support the Career & College Center. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$8 for adults, and \$6 for students and seniors. (707) 498-2917.

So much to do in the Seaside Village

Bureau of Land Management Botanist Jennifer Wheeler will lead an invasive weed eradication session at the Trinidad Head Lighthouse on Monday, March 6 at 1 p.m. Several Trinidad Museum Native Plant Garden volunteers, including Jill Mefford, Virginia Waters, and Ingrid Bailey and Trinidad Coastal Land Trust volunteers Steen

bird Protection Network Workshop funded in part by the Kure/Stuyvesant Oil Spill Council Restoration Plan in Trinidad.

A draft action plan resulting from that meeting will be presented at the Bureau of Land Management field office on Heindon Road, Arcata on Wednesday, March 15 from 9 to 11 a.m. led by BLM Interpretive Specialist Leisyka Parrott. Telephone (707) 825-2313 for inquiries about the project.

Trinidad's Bull Kelp
Trinidad Museum receives many questions about area history and natural history. One of the latest came from a family from Smyrna, Delaware who had visited Indian Beach recently.

The visitors asked about "the very long skinny amber colored plant with a bulb shape at one end and long tendrils or roots at the end of a snake-like object." Natural History Room curators Virginia Waters and Jim Webb responded to the inquiry immediately. Virginia wrote "The 'object' in question is the bull kelp (I think it is called that because of its resemblance to a bull whip).

Its scientific name is *Ne-reocystus luetkeana* and it is a brown alga. It forms beds in shallow non-polluted subtidal water in areas with swift currents, such as in Trinidad Bay. The bull kelp is an annual and

is noted for rapid growth – the blade (leaf-like part) can grow six inches a day and can reach 33 feet long, while the stem portion can reach 118 feet. It dies back at the end of the growing season and gets washed ashore by waves where it can form dense tangles on beaches."

Trinidad beachcombers familiar with this amazing plant have wondered about it now we know more, and so does the grateful Delaware family.

Exchange students at Trinidad Civic Club
American Field Service (AFS) foreign exchange students will be guests of Trinidad Civic Club at the Thursday, March 2 meeting in the Club Room, Town Hall.

Trinidad School's eighth grade students also will be guests at the potluck and they'll be able to ask the visiting high school students questions about their home countries and about their experiences in America. This annual introduction to students from far away often proves to be the favorite program of the year for TCC members and guests.

Program chairman Penne O'Gara will introduce AFS Coordinator Abby Proulx and the students. Hostesses will be Martha Sue Davis, Cheryl Gilmour and Ginny Mülle. The TCC business meeting begins at 10 a.m. with the AFS program and potluck following at about 11 a.m. Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

Endangered Blood's major musicians

REDWOOD JAZZ ALLIANCE
EUREKA – The Redwood Jazz Alliance "spring" season continues Wednesday, March 8 at 8 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art in Eureka with Endangered Blood, a New York-based double-sax quartet featuring Eureka native Trevor Dunn on bass.

Endangered Blood cuts a wide swath through the diverse field of modern creative music. When the band played NPR's famed "Tiny Desk Concert" a few years back, their compositions were described as combining "post-bop, 20th-century chromaticism, traditional New Orleans funeral marches, avant-garde jazz and post-punk to create a sort of mad-scientist concoction."

"You were wondering where a rock aesthetic has improved jazz rather than compromising it?" Ben Ratliff once asked his readers, in a *New York Times* review of an Endangered Blood performance. "Here."

The band's members may not be household names, but among their peers they're known as giants of their generation and improvisers of the first rank. Jim Black, widely admired for what *Seattle Weekly* calls his "controlled-detonation" drumming, leads his own trio as well as the post-rock/jazz band AlasNoAxis.

A veteran of the influential ensemble Human Feel (with guitarist Kurt Rosenwinkel), he has also played with Wilco guitarist Nels Cline, Polish trumpet legend Tomasz Stanko and performance artist Laurie Anderson, among others.

Trevor Dunn, forever associated with the groundbreaking group Mr. Bungle, en-

tered the *Guinness Book of World Records* by playing 50 gigs in fifty states in 50 days as a member of the Melvins Lite. Multi-instrumentalist-composer-bandleader Oscar Noriega is a core member of Tim Berne's acclaimed Snakeoil quartet and co-leader of the Mexico-inspired Banda de los Muertos. And saxophonist/clarinetist Chris Speed divides his time between several bands of his own and sideman gigs with a half-dozen others, including John Hollenbeck's Claudia Quintet (with whom Speed visited the Arcata Playhouse in 2013). Like Black, Speed is known for introducing the odd time signatures and intricate melodies of Balkan music into the jazz world, and he spent almost a decade in the "BalkanSoul/GypsyFunk" ensemble Slavic Soul Party.

The RJA's 2016-17 season concludes in April with pianist David Berkman, who returns after a nine-year absence with a new band featuring rising-star saxophonist Dayna Stephens and bass phenomenon Linda Oh. More information about the current season can be found at RedwoodJazzAlliance.org.

Endangered Blood will also present an educational workshop, free and open to the public, on the morning of Thursday, March 9 in HSU's Studio Theater (Theatre Arts Building 115).

Advance tickets (\$15 General Admission, \$10 Students & Seniors) to the concert by Endangered Blood may be purchased online at RedwoodJazzAlliance.org and at Wildberries, Wildwood Music, People's Records and The Works.



Patti Fleschner

Seabird Protection Network
Last December, the BLM and community partners from state agencies, Humboldt State University biology, wildlife, ecology and marine biology departments, Audubon Society, Trinidad Rancheria, Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, Trinidad Museum Society, Trinidad School and others met for a North Coast Sea-

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PACK TRAIN Brizard mule train at Alliance Corners. The mules were loaded in Arcata, then a first stop was made at Alliance Corners to readjust the packs.

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Whether a horse, a yak, a mule or a donkey

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

EUREKA – Dick Wild presents “Introductory Techniques for Horse Packing” at the Humboldt County Historical Society program meeting on Saturday, March 4 at 1 p.m., in the first-floor conference room of the Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third St., Eureka. Admission is free and everyone is invited.

Dick Wild loves packing, and has been doing it for a long time, since the mid-1960s. In this program, Wild will share his knowledge and experience of the art of packing. Attendees will learn how to attach a load to a draft animal, whether a horse, a yak, a mule or a donkey, and they will learn about the knots associated with attaching a load for transport.

Wild will also connect the practical aspects of packing technique to its long and fascinating history. For example, the popular sawbuck saddle, also known as the cross-tree saddle, has a history going back to Arabia and possibly further. Variations of this saddle were developed in North America by Native Americans after they escaped from slavery in Mexico, then known as New Spain.

Spaniards would make sorties into what is now New Mexico and Arizona on the Spanish Slave Trail, in order to kidnap native peoples and take them back and put them to work on their ranches and in silver mines. On the ranches, the captives learned all the techniques of packing, and when they escaped they took horses and the knowledge of how to use them.

There is much to learn from Dick Wild about packing an animal and enjoying one’s days out on the trail, from loading a well-packed and happy horse to making a delicious meal in a Dutch oven. Join Dick Wild for an afternoon of adventures in packing. For more information, contact the Humboldt County Historical Society at (707) 445-4342, or visit humboldthistory.org.

Area dog may be pentobarbital victim

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA/McKINLEYVILLE – Phoebe Stephenson is normally an even-tempered pug, in that she looks equally askance at all her mom Nancy Stephenson’s human associates. Last fall though, her temperament, and her health, took a turn for the worse.

Last October, the normally plucky pug started acting strangely – losing her balance, panting with tongue hanging out, having anxiety attacks, pacing around and “bouncing off the walls, literally,” Stephenson said.

A veterinarian diagnosed the behavior as a chronic condition, cause undetermined. Meanwhile, Stephenson kept feeding her the purest food she could find – the grain- and gluten-free Evanger’s “Hunk of Beef.”

By Halloween, Phoebe was “incredibly sick,” requiring Stephenson to arrange dogsitters while she went about her seasonal duties as Arcata Main Street’s downtown representative.

Eventually, she changed the little dog’s food, and when she did, Phoebe took a turn for the better.

In February, Evanger’s “Hunk of Beef” was recalled after another dog – a pug – died, and other dogs became ill. It had been poisoned with pentobarbital, a drug used



Phoebe

to euthanize pets. By some means still unknown, the drug had found its way into the dog food.

To this day, Stephenson can’t prove that Phoebe ingested the contaminated food. She’s long since recycled the empty cans, and hasn’t gone through the difficult process of contacting local stores and researching the lot numbers of the dog food they sold last fall.

“Basically, I haven’t proven unquestionably what happened,” Stephenson said.

What she has done is spend an hour on the phone with the president of Evanger’s, Joel Sher. He told her that he had no idea how the food became contaminated, but that the company has ceased purchasing animal carcasses from the supplier connected to the suspect food.

Lot numbers for the contaminated cans are: 1816E03HB, 1816E04HB, 1816E06HB, 1816E07HB, and 1816E13HB, and have an expiration date of June 2020.

Meanwhile, despite arthritis in her vertebrae, Phoebe has her miniature mojo back, alternately looking askance and insolently arfing at visitors to the AMS office. Last week, she celebrated her 15th birthday.

“She’s doing fine for an old pug,” Stephenson said. “She’s basically back to her old self.”



COOL KUNEKUNE Meet Mr. Knepperchin P. Swiney, a fetching four-month old Kunekune pig of discriminating tastes, for whom only the finest Plaza turf is worth rooting around in. The Information Superhighway tells us Kunekunes are a small breed of domestic pig from New Zealand. They are hairy, with a rotund build and may bear wattles hanging from their lower jaws which cause McKinley to glower. But he probably would anyway. Mr. Swiney’s human overlord informs us that the little fellow is his “spirit animal,” which is probably close enough to a service animal to elude the leash laws of the Arcata Municipal Code and hence, the criminal justice system. He also accepts pets with a vigor and determination known only to piglets of a similarly diminutive proportion.

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ACROSS

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- Out of one’s mind
- Villain
- Prefix for dialysis or globin
- Deep pit, to a poet
- Cartoon caveman
- Brainchild
- Family tree member
- Melody
- Thoughtful
- Franklin, to friends
- Refrain syllable
- Pieces of asparagus
- Pacino and Unser
- Letter for Plato
- Elaborate residences
- Like ancient Rome, at the time of its Fall
- Wooden slat
- Shape
- Hurts one’s toe
- ___ out a living; got by
- President whose husband was a president
- Frostbite complication
- Youths: slang
- Kick the bucket
- Div. of a former nation
- Life, for one
- Container for 7 Down
- Taxing time: abbr.
- Considered carefully
- One of a pair
- Flat
- Prefix for graph or trooper
- Imitates a cow
- Strike
- Foreign prince
- Otherwise
- Traditional breadwinner
- Smell

DOWN

- Fashionable
- Complete again
- Prayer closing
- Toot one’s own horn
- Orders
- Rose’s lover, in film
- Color changers
- Many times, to a poet
- Monies advanced to a prospector
- ___ Descartes
- Genesis setting
- Suffix for sea or land
- ___ out; distributes
- Rankled
- Polishes off
- Assessor
- Take into the family
- Embarkment
- Oz visitor, and others
- Crawling insect
- Makes smooth
- Occasion when the “Haggada” is read
- Isolated
- Pull
- Naughty
- Complained in a whining, tearful way
- Bookish kid
- ___ up; increase efficiency
- Feels dizzy
- Capital city
- Pale
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- Qualified
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Jazzy’s so snazzy, Otis is jumping for joy

Jazzy came to the shelter at the end of January. She was a little shy at first, and shelter staff gave us a little extra time to work with her before she went up for adoption. After a few days it became obvious that this was a very adoptable dog!

Jazzy knows quite a few commands, including sit, down, shake and roll over. It doesn’t take much to get her to roll over, as having her belly rubbed seems to be one of her favorite things. Playing ball is another favorite thing. And snuggling is a favorite thing also.

Did I mention that this is a very happy dog? Jazzy would make a fine addition to any family unit. She has clearly been someone’s pet at one time; why her former owners never came for her is a mystery. I would happily take this one in if I wasn’t already at (or maybe a little over) our limit of dogs at home!



❖ DOGTOWN
Mara Segal



Otis

Jazzy is about three years old and some sort of Lab mix. The blaze on her chest is speckled, indicating some cow dog lineage. She is housebroken and pretty quiet, though she will remind the volunteers that she is waiting for her walk if they pass by her kennel without stopping. Jazzy gets to have the first kennel in the row, a spot generally reserved for a dog that can display good manners when visitors go by. She is friendly with people and other dogs and would most likely be respectful to cats.

Jazzy is spayed, micro-chipped and current on her vaccinations. To meet this charmer, come by the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville, open Monday through Friday.

More information is available at (707) 840-9132.



Jazzy

Otis is a three year old red Queensland Heeler. He originally came into the shelter as a stray and went out to a foster home while undergoing treatment for heartworm.

He loves his female dog foster sister and has been fine around cats. He has been a little reactive to some males and fine around others. It hasn’t been that long since his neuter and between that and some good training, he will continue to improve on that front. We have seen how quickly he learns.

Our trainer was very impressed with him and thought

he was a great dog! His foster mom has this to say about him: “Otis is smart, sweet, affectionate, a *huge* cuddler, and with the exception of a few things he needs to work on (jumping when he’s excited and constantly demanding pets!), in most ways he’s very obedient. He wants to please for sure. He has a lot of energy but when he gets a good run in (we’ve been taking him to the Manila dunes, which he loves), he’s mostly calm and content for the rest of the day. He needs some work with male dogs but is already improving on his interactions while out for walks. He loves water and playing catch! He’d definitely do well in a house with a nice backyard and someone with time to take him on adventures and spend good time with him. He deserves the best possible home!”

We think so too. Otis is neutered and current on vaccinations. He can be micro-chipped at adoption.

If you would like to meet Otis, please email us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or call (707) 839-9692.

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❖ ARCATA

Chamber awards annual biz winners

ARCATA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ARCATA – This year’s Arcata Business of the Year award goes to Joanna Berg and Sarah Schuette, founders and owners of Dirty Business Soil Consulting and Analysis, also known as DBS.

The award is given to a business whose core values reflects our community and protects our environment. It’s an award that recognizes innovation, resourcefulness and business collaboration. DBS have these core community values and business practices at the very foundation of their business.



ALL SMILES Humboldt Aerial Collective’s Nathalie Nebula and server Anthony Bracy.

“Sarah and I are blessed to be able to do what we love in collaboration with those who share our values of environment and community. We are truly honored



WINNERS Business of the Year winner was Dirty Business Soil Consulting and Analysis. Above, Vice Mayor Sofia Pereira, Mayor Susan Ornelas, Dirty Business’s Joanna Berg and Sarah Schuette, City Councilmembers Paul Pitino and Michael Winkler.

to serve this community,” Berg said.
Berg and Schuette are passionate soil scientists with a commitment to environmental best practices - encouraging and teaching farmers to reuse their soil and to grow clean. Under the direction of Berg and Schuette, Dirty Business Soil (DBS) has emerged as the premiere soil testing and consulting entity in Humboldt County.
Just five years ago the

two Humboldt State graduates saw a need in the community for improving farming practices – starting with soil testing.
The young women applied for and won Humboldt County’s Economic Fuel competition.
Using the \$25,000 in seed money to start their lab, the two soil scientists quickly got to work sharing their knowledge and creating science-based jobs for fellow HSU grads. Their

business has seen double-digit growth in the last few years and DBS is now 12 employees strong and growing.
They are invaluable assets to those they serve, our community, and the environment.
The announcement was made at the Arcata Chamber of Commerce dinner, where the City of Arcata honored Dirty Business Soil Consulting Analysis owners Sarah Schuette and Joanna Berg as this year’s Arcata Business of the Year.
Other winners announced at the dinner in-



BITTER RIVALS Small Business of the Year winner Pat Knittel of Wrangletown Cider Co. with fellow nominee and neighbor Jane Williams of Bang! Bang! Vintage/Consignment.

clude Nonprofit of the Year, Big Brothers and Sisters of the North Coast; Hospitality & Tourism of the Year Award, Blue Lake Casino & Hotel; Green Business of the Year Award, Zero Waste Humboldt; Beautification of the Year Award, Nilsen Company; New Chamber Member of the Year Award, Minor Theatre; Small Business of the Year Award, Wrangletown Cider Company; and Business Leader of the Year Award, Dennis Rael of Los Bagels.



PLATING PROCESS Behind the scenes, chef Brett Schuler and his minions plated succulent noms for the hungry masses in attendance.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TOP BRASS The Humboldt Association of Realtors has installed its executive officers for 2017. They are, from left, President Kristi Machado of Benchmark Realty Group, President-Elect Elizabeth Campbell of RE/MAX Humboldt Realty and Secretary/Treasurer Kim Quintal, of Cornerstone Realty.

Held takes helm at Zero Waste

ZERO WASTE HUMBOLDT
ARCATA – Zero Waste Humboldt has announced that Emma Held has been hired as the organization’s Program Manager. Held is working closely with the board of directors to develop systems for improving volunteer training and coordination, fundraising and communications. She will be responsible for carrying out Zero Waste Humboldt’s public education, advocacy and technical assistance services.
“Emma has quickly taken the lead on our ‘Refill Not Landfill’ Project to reduce single use plastic water bottles in our waste stream, shopper education and store assistance for implementing the new California Bag Law, and a pilot project with Zero Waste high school leaders,” said Maggie Gainer. “She is the perfect combination of enthusiastic and thorough.”
Held is not new to Zero Waste leadership. As a Humboldt State University student she was active as the 2015 Zero Waste Director for the Waste Reduction and Resource Awareness Program. She was one of the ZWH lead crewmembers at the 2015 and 2016 North Country Fair, and several events in recent years. She will graduate from HSU this spring with a B.S. degree in Soils Science.
Held may be reached by email at contact@zerowaste-humboldt.org.

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LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 17-00067

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CLAM BEACH REALTY
4611 CENTRAL AVE
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
FORTUNE REAL ESTATE ENTERPRISE
2669985
22528 INSPIRATION PT.
CANYON LAKE, CA 92587
This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/FRANCO PEPE, BROKER-OFFICER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 30, 2017
KELLY E. SANDERS
GW DEPUTY CLERK
215, 222, 311, 318

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 17-00079

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FRESH STROKE
1805 ZEHNDRER AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521
SANDEE G.
MANUEL-VAN TASSEL
1805 ZEHNDRER AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521
NATHANIEL B. VAN TASSEL
1805 ZEHNDRER AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: A Married Couple
S/SANDEE MANUEL-VAN TASSEL, SANDEE MANUEL-VAN TASSEL
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 3, 2017
KELLY E. SANDERS
KL DEPUTY CLERK
215, 222, 311, 318

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 17-00094

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CARAVAN OF DREAMS
893 H ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
NANCY S. ANDERSON
1309 TOTH RD.
SHELTER COVE, CA 95589
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/NANCY S. ANDERSON, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 10, 2017
KELLY E. SANDERS
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215, 222, 311, 318

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 17-00102

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MADE IN HUMBOLDT
1570 LENA AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521
P.O. BOX 4551
ARCATA, CA 95518
BRENDEN T. ASKAY
1570 LENA AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521
JENNIFER L. ASKAY
1570 LENA AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: A Married Couple
S/BRENDEN T. ASKAY, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 17, 2017
KELLY E. SANDERS
SC DEPUTY CLERK
215, 222, 311, 318

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 17-00073

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
WOODLUM COTTAGE INDUSTRIES
2500 BURR VALLEY RD.
BRIDGEVILLE, CA 95526
ABNER J. ROY
2500 BURR VALLEY RD.
BRIDGEVILLE, CA 95526
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/ABNER J. ROY, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 02, 2017
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SC DEPUTY CLERK
215, 222, 311, 318

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUZANNE ELAINE CAYTON
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV170063
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner TAMMY MORGAN has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: REEF

1. Petitioner SUZANNE ELAINE CAYTON has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: SUZANNE ELAINE CAYTON to Proposed name CAYTON SUZANNE WILEY.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name change described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: March 17, 2017
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: JAN 30, 2017
DALE A. REINHOLTSSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
215, 222, 311, 318

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME TAMMY MORGAN
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV170083
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner TAMMY MORGAN has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: REEF

WINSTON ALBAUGH to Proposed name REEF WINSTON MORGAN.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name change described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: March 24, 2017
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: FEB 03, 2017
DALE A. REINHOLTSSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
215, 222, 311, 318

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME ROBERT DAVID UPCHURCH
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV170076
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner ROBERT DAVID UPCHURCH has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: ROBERT DAVID UPCHURCH to Proposed name DAVID DEANE HARTWELL.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located

at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name change described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: April 10, 2017
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: FEB 03, 2017
DALE A. REINHOLTSSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
215, 222, 311, 318

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASSANDRA BAIRD

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV170136
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner CASSANDRA BAIRD has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: CASSANDRA BAIRD to Proposed name CASSANDRA FREIXAS.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person ob-

jecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: April 10, 2017
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: FEB 23, 2017
DALE A. REINHOLTSSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
311, 318, 315, 322

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KERRY ANN DRAEGER, AKA KERRY A. DRAEGER

CASE NO.: PR170031
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: KERRY ANN DRAEGER, AKA KERRY A. DRAEGER.
A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: BRIAN P. DRAEGER in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: BRIAN P. DRAEGER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking

certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A **hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**
Date: March 9, 2017
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 4
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice*

(form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the petitioner: DUSTIN E. OWENS
310 THIRD STREET, SUITE D,
EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 441-1195 215, 222, 311

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY LORRAINE SCHMEDDING

CASE NO.: PR170040
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: MARY LORRAINE SCHMEDDING
A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: ALIA ALSALTI in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: ALIA ALSALTI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A **hearing on the petition will be held in this**

court as follows:
Date: March 23, 2017
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 4
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.
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CCAT OPEN MIC NIGHT Campus Center for Appropriate Technology hosts an open mic night on **Friday, March 3** from 7 to 9 p.m., inviting all local musicians and poets to perform live in an intimate setting. CCAT is located at Humboldt State, south of the Behavioral and Social Sciences building. Performers, come early and sign up to secure your spot. Complimentary refreshments and snacks will be served. Admission is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$5 per person; 100 percent of contributions will fund upcoming CCAT events, including free, hands-on and sustainability-based workshops. This is an all ages event. (707) 826-3551, ccat.humboldt.edu

WILDLIFE TRACKING AT NHM The HSU Natural History Museum, 1242 G. St., Arcata, across from Wildberries, is offering a free lecture, “Wildlife Tracking: The Past, Present, and Future of an Ancient Art,” by Phil Johnston **Friday, March 3** from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Johnston is a biologist extraordinaire and professional tracker and will share some of his experiences in the field as well as discuss the history of tracking and how this ancient art is assisting in scientific research. Donations are appreciated. (707) 826-4479, humboldt.edu/natmus

WILDLIFE TRACKING WORKSHOP The HSU Natural History Museum and the Sequoia Park Zoo is offering a Wildlife Tracking Workshop Series with Phil Johnston, a professional tracker, the first Saturday of every month beginning **Saturday,**

March 4. Each workshop will take place in the field and is limited to 20 people. Regular fee is \$25 per person. Discounts apply for seniors, HSU students, and members. Meet at the HSU Natural History Museum, 1242 G. St, Arcata across from Wildberries. Classes will go from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wear hiking shoes and bring food and water. Car pooling is encouraged. Visit humboldt.edu/natmus for more information.

CAKCLING GOOSE FLY-OFF You are invited to Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge for “Sunrise at the Refuge a.k.a Aleutian Cackling Goose Fly-Off & Family Fun Weekend” on **Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5**, rain or shine. Meet at the Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters and Visitor Center, 1020 Ranch Rd. in Loleta. The gate will open at 6 a.m. View the habitats of southern Humboldt Bay at sunrise. Watch thousands of Aleutian cackling geese fly off their night time roosts. The fly-off usually occurs within 15 minutes before or after sunrise. Sunrise will be at approx. 6:45 a.m. Family fun activities inside the Visitor Center will include bird silhouette painting along with other arts and crafts from 7 to 11 a.m. Bring a mug for coffee, tea or cocoa. (707) 733-5406, fws.gov/refuge/humboldtbay

AUDUBON MARSH TRIP Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, March 4.** Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Gary Friedrichsen in

Mck Land Trust dinner this Sunday

McKINLEYVILLE LAND TRUST **McKINLEYVILLE** – The McKinleyville Land Trust invites the public to its 16th annual dinner and fundraiser at Azalea Hall in McKinleyville on Sunday evening, March 5. The menu features chicken cacciatore or baked eggplant, both with pasta, Tomaso’s sauce, fresh mixed green salad, bread from the North Coast Co-op Bakery, Ramone’s coffee or tea and dessert. This year the land trust welcomes Jennifer Wheeler, a local botanist with the Bureau of Land Management, who will describe restoration of native coastal grasslands using locally sourced, native grasses. Wheeler will discuss her efforts and successes in partnering with the Mattole Restoration Council and Humboldt Fish Action Council to restore grassland ecosystems in the King Range National Conservation Area and the Lacks Creek Management Area in the Redwood Creek watershed. The land trust similarly restores local native plants and removes non-native invasive species on their properties, and benefits from the knowledge of experts like Wheeler. A silent auction and raffle of numerous items donated from local businesses, artists, and friends of land trust will take place during the evening. A no-host wine and beer bar opens at 5 p.m. and bidding begins for a silent auction and raffle of numerous items donated by local businesses, artists, and friends of land trust. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for students or seniors, and \$15 for children. Tickets can be purchased at the door or on the land trust website at mlandtrust.org. The purpose of the land trust is to conserve local open space for ecological, historical, agricultural, educational, recreational and scenic values. The land trust has recently completed a trails project on their Chah-Gah-Cho property south of the Mill Creek Shopping Center in McKinleyville. The Board of Directors is excited to update the public on that project and many other activities that the land trust has been working on over the last year. mlandtrust.org, (707) 839-LAND

the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

NORTH JETTY BIRDING Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on **Sunday, March 5** for a birding trip to the North Jetty. The trip will focus on rocky shorebirds and seabirds off the jetty. Rocky shorebird sightings might include Rock Sandpiper and Wandering Tattler. Participants also will scope for seabirds such as Marbled Murrelets and various tubenoses off the jetty tip. Meet at 9 a.m. at the jetty parking lot at the south end of the north spit. Trip will end around noon. Contact leaders Alexa DeJoannis (202) 288-5174, and Rob Fowler (707) 839-3493.

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